

DEA Policy 6651.7 INVENTORY SEARCHES.

A complete inventory shall be made of all property that is taken into custody by DEA for safekeeping, regardless of whether probable cause exists to search the property. Inventory searches are made to identify items of value in order to protect DEA personnel from claims of theft or loss of property that enters DEA custody. Inventory searches need not be made contemporaneous with the arrest of any person or at the time of seizure, but must be made as soon as practical after the property to be searched has been transported to a DEA or other law enforcement facility. Inventory searches shall be made of all containers, whether locked or unlocked, that are lawfully seized for safekeeping. All items shall be inventoried on a DEA-12, Receipt for Cash or Other Items, and the details of the inventory shall be reported in the DEA-6 that reports the related enforcement activity.